

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Survey & Investigation/Drilling of Bores- over additional 50 Sq.Kms, other than 2000 ha. already approved in Chital (Nidigul R.F.) of WL Nagarjunasagr, in favour of AMD – DAE, Hyderabad - Permission accorded- Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 127

Dated:16-12-2009

Read the following:-

1. From Prl.CCF. Lr.No.25382/2006-F1, Dated: 14-12-2006.
2. State Government letter No.11531/For.I (1)/2006-1, Dt:13-2-2007.
3. From GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, Lr. F.No.8-39/2009-FC, dt. 13-11-2009.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above had submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, seeking permission under F.C. Act, for Survey & Investigation/Drilling of Bores, over additional 50 Sq.Kms, other than 2000 ha. already approved in Chital (Nidigul R.F.) of WL Nagarjunasagr in favour of AMD – DAE, Hyderabad and requested to send the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal has been sent to Government of India for their approval under Forest (C) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above. The Government of India in their letter 3rd read above have accorded their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for permission under F.C. Act, for survey & investigation/Drilling of Bores, over additional 50 Sq.Kms, than 2000 ha. already approved in Chital (Nidigul R.F.) of WL Nagarjunasagr, in favour of AMD – DAE, Hyderabad, subject to certain conditions. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its proceedings dated 2.04.2009, have imposed certain conditions as considered and recommended by the National Board for Wild Life.

3. The Government after consideration of the proposal, here by accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad, under F.C. Act, for Survey & Investigation/Drilling of Bores, over additional 50 Sq.Kms, other than 2000 ha. already approved in Chital (Nidigul R.F.) of WL Nagarjunasagr, in favour of AMD – DAE, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:

1. Drilling shall be done from dawn to dusk. Drilling at each of the bore hole site would require a ground space of 10mx10m at each location, with maximum size of 10 cm x 20 cm down to a depth of 40 m to 100 m. In Stage-I, it will be in 400mx400m grid and in 2nd stage 200mx200m and 100mx100m grid.
2. No tree shall be felled or uprooted.
3. The bore and operational ground area shall be restored after completion of work to its original state.
4. Minimum movement of personnel and vehicles shall be permitted within the Tiger Reserve.

5. Camping within sanctuary area shall not be permitted except for a night watchman.
 6. All precautions would be undertaken to prevent fire and POL would not be stored within the sanctuary area.
 7. Water requirement shall be arranged for by the applicant.
 8. Movement of vehicles within the sanctuary at night shall not be permitted.
 9. The drilling site shall be fenced to avoid harm to humans and wildlife.
 10. Only existing roads shall be used (and no new road shall be created).
 11. The noise level at 10 mtrs. distance shall not be more than 30-40 dB.
 12. Applicant shall submit a detailed report regarding the outcome of the exploratory phase and seek further clearance in the event Uranium is found in the Project Tiger Reserve area.
 13. A Comprehensive study shall be conducted for impact of this kind of mining on water contamination by an reputed organization in consultation with the State Forest Department and mitigative measures suggested shall be complied with. A compliance shall be send in this regard.
4. The above orders are also subject to the following further conditions laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its Proceedings dated: 02.04.2009, as considered and recommended by the National Board for Wild Life:-

1. Drilling shall be done only from dawn to dusk
 2. No tree shall be felled or uprooted
 3. The bore and operational ground area shall be restored after completion of work to its original state;
 4. Minimum movement of personnel and vehicles shall be permitted within the Tiger Reserve
 5. Camping within sanctuary area shall not be permitted except for a night watchman
 6. All precautions would be undertaken to prevent fire and POL would not be stored within the sanctuary area
 7. Water requirement shall be arranged for by the applicant
 8. Movement of vehicles within the sanctuary at night shall not be permitted
 9. The drilling site shall be fenced to avoid harm to humans and wildlife
 10. Only existing roads shall be used (and no new road shall be created)
 11. The noise level at 10 mtrs. Distance shall not be more than 34-40 dB.
 12. Applicant shall submit a detailed report regarding the outcome of the exploratory phase and seek further clearance in the event Uranium is found in the Project Tiger Reserve area.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R.KONDAPI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.